

John G. Roulhac to John Gray Blount

BERTIE COUNTY 27th March 1831

Mr John G Blount

Dear Sir

I have at Last a verbal report of the Inspector of which I made a memorandum at the time & which I send you having Some time without getting a written though I expect it daily—as Soon as it comes to hand will Send it to you.

I made, Since I Last Saw you, Several attempts to get the road inspected earliar & by two Inspectors but without Success & was compelled at Last to have it done by a Single person—Mr. Currell Says that the road near the Bridge has Suffered Some Injury by the water running over it occasioned by the Late Heavy rains—From the Quantity of water in the Swamp he could not asscertain the precise point at which the crossloggings was to have commenced—that part Shown him as having been done by Mr Clark was, with the exception of a few Holes, done according to contract—Of these Holes but a few are visible in the part done by Mr Clark—The rest of the road is not So well (2) done as that by Mr Clark the Holes being very plenty—These Holes are occassioned by the Logs being (Some of them) too Short & others too Long So that their ends, which Should butt in the middle do not meet (thus ≡≡ and Leave an open place between them which is not filled with either wood or dirt. The others (too Long) the end of the Logs from one Side Lie between the ends of two Logs from (thus ≡≡≡) the other Side, which Leaves a Long & ugly Hole in the middle of the road—

A Horse cannot with Safety he thinks be carried along the middle of the road—There is not a Sufficiency of Dirt on the road though the ditches are as they ought to be in debth & width—The above is I believe the most material if not nearly all that he told me—I have written to Mr Clark & mentioned to him what was Said of his work—The big ditch for which the Last act was applied for is very much wanted, the water has Swept over Elys road in Several places which will throw him back Some time

I am very respectfully
yr M. O. Sert J. G. Roulhac

Addressed: Mr. John G. Blount
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